

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS**

Wednesday, February 13, 2008 11:00 a.m. Room 352, State Capitol

The House Standing Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Chairman, Representative George Cushingberry, Jr.

An Invocation was offered by the Chairman as a moment of silence for Fallen Heroes.

Members present: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Hammel, Hood, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, Nofs, and Walker.

Members absent/excused: Representatives Gonzales, Jackson and Alma Smith.

Representative Sak moved that all absent members be excused. Representative Byrnes supported the motion. Without objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Sak moved to approve the minutes of the meetings held on January 23, 2008, January 24, 2008 and January 30, 2008. Representative Spade supported the motion. Without objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Cushingberry made opening remarks regarding our children deserving the best. He urged members to visit foster care homes and institutions in our communities.

Chairman Cushingberry recognized Mitch Bean, Director of the House Fiscal Agency, for a presentation on 2007-2008 General Fund/Purpose Revised Executive Supplemental Request.

Chairman Cushingberry called on members for questions on the presentation.

Mitch Bean, Director of the House Fiscal Agency, answered further questions of the members.

Mary Ann Cleary, House Fiscal Agency Staff Analyst, provided answers to member questions.

Mitch Bean, Director of the House Fiscal Agency, also provided a presentation on the 2008-2009 Preliminary Review of the Executive Budget and answered questions of the members.

Vice-Chairman Matt Gillard assumed the Chair.

Further discussion and questions of the members on the presentation was directed by Vice-Chairman Gillard.

Vice-Chairman Gillard expressed thanks to Mitch Bean for the presentations.

There being no further business before the committee, seeing no objection the committee adjourned the time being 12:25 p.m.

Representative George Cushingberry, Jr. Chair

Darlene Moore, Committee Clerk, (517) 373-2994